

order to protect consumers from unwarranted price increases.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 299. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-371. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (Docket No. RM23-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-372. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems" ((RIN1902-AF88) (Docket No. RM22-3-000)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-373. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces" (RIN1905-AE59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-374. A communication from the Director of the Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Refund of Alcohol Excise Tax" (RIN1515-AE39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-375. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service of Process and Updated Addresses for Certain Communications with the Agency" (RIN0960-AI78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-376. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Excise Tax on Repurchases of Corporate Stock under Section 4501 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-377. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Depart-

ment of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exception for Interests Held by Foreign Pension Funds" (RIN1545-BN89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-378. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2023-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-379. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement Providing Transitional Guidance Under Sections 6045 and 6045A for Brokers of Digital Assets" (Announcement 2023-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-380. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Timeline Regarding Implementation of Amended Section 6050W(e) Notice" (Notice 2023-10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-381. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TCJA Section 174 Changes in Method of Accounting" (Notice 2023-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-382. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Modifying and Superseding Rev Proc 2023-8 relating to Changes of Accounting for Specified Rese" (Notice 2023-11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-383. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Initial Guidance Regarding the Application of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax under Sections 55, 56A, and 59 of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2023-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-384. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Manufacturers May Need Additional Guidance To Ensure Consistent Calculations of Average Sales Prices"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-386. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take specified actions to encourage the production of domestic crude oil, natural gas, and coal resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 259

Whereas, Crude oil, natural gas, and coal are vital components of our nation's economy, providing more than 11 million jobs throughout the United States, including 375,000 total jobs and \$58 billion in annual gross domestic income in Ohio alone; and

Whereas, Russian petroleum imports into the United States are approximately 670,000 barrels per day; and

Whereas, If constructed, the domestic Keystone XL Pipeline would have the capacity to supply 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil to American families and businesses; and

Whereas, The United States has large reserves of oil, natural gas, and coal for use in energy production and this abundance has provided security that has historically led to reliable and affordable energy for American consumers and our allies; and

Whereas, The world is looking to the United States for energy leadership and stability as current geopolitical events pose potential economic disruptions when inflation already affects households in the United States, across Europe, and the world; and

Whereas, Federal policies and the recently enacted tax increases on domestic oil and gas production that were included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act inhibit production of these vital resources; and

Whereas, The United States has the ability and capacity to once again be a net exporter or energy resources, supplying our allies in Europe with energy; and

Whereas, The United States has established barriers and disincentives to coal use. These barriers and disincentives have caused the idling or premature retirement of coal plants; and

Whereas, Operation and expansion of a key component of the United States' energy success, our oil and natural gas pipelines, which provide the most efficient means of transporting those commodities, is being blocked by the federal government; and

Whereas, The Biden Administration continues to increase costs and delay efforts to develop oil and natural gas leasing on federal lands and waters despite the fact that the leasing program provides billions of dollars in revenue to federal, state, and local governments and supports conservation programs throughout the country; and

Whereas, Areas in which the United States conducts offshore production are some of the lowest carbon intensive energy producing regions in the world, and halting offshore leasing and development will shill production and capital investment overseas and undermine decades of environmental progress; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, strongly urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to do the following:

(1) Implement policies and enact legislation to ensure that the United States again becomes energy independent;

(2) Suspend and eliminate federal policies and the tax increases from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on domestic oil and gas production that cripple the production of these vital resources;

(4) Undertake measures and policies that ensure long-term American energy leadership, security, and progress, including those that result in the continued operation of existing oil and natural gas pipelines, the construction of new oil and gas pipelines, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, the resumption of consistent and credible federal lease sales, and the immediate preparation of a new five-year program to guide future offshore leasing;

(5) Enact measures that cease the import of Russian oil into the United States;

(6) Implement policies and enact legislation to promote clean, modern power plants utilizing coal as an energy resource; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate send duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. Res. 33. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 34. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mr. CARDIN, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. Res. 37. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 273. A bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 274. A bill to provide paid family and medical leave to Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 275. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 276. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security to investigate the vetting and processing of illegal aliens apprehended along the southwest border and to ensure that all laws are being upheld; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 277. A bill to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 278. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP code for particular communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 279. A bill to establish a moratorium on energy development in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 280. A bill to ensure that only licensed health care professionals furnish disability examinations under a certain Department of Veterans Affairs pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 281. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to direct certain prosecutor's offices to annually report to the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 282. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 283. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to stipulate, as a condition on the sale at auction of any crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, that the crude oil not be exported to certain countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 284. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to include on the engravings on the Taras Shevchenko Memorial in the District of Columbia the name of Vincent Illuzzi, Sr., who carved the statue; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 285. A bill to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 286. A bill to make transitional compensation available to dependents of members of the Armed Forces convicted of dependent abuse in Federal or State court and dependents of members accused of dependent abuse who have forfeited all pay and allowances for an unrelated offense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 287. A bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 288. A bill to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 289. A bill to improve national security at the National Institutes of Health, to address national security issues in the licensure of biological products, to address national security considerations in research at the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 290. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the supported housing program of the Department of Veterans Affairs has not fewer than one program manager for every 35 rental assistance cases under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 291. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KING, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WELCH, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 292. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify certain requirements for Regional Commissions, to reauthorize the Northern Border Regional Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BARASSO, and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 293. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit certain financial service providers who deny fair access to financial services from using taxpayer funded discount